

Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative

JOINT MEETING: MEDICAL HOME AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL HEALTH WORK GROUPS

October 20, 2005, 2 – 4:30 p.m.
<p><b>Members Present:</b> Sherrill Archer, Patti Bokony, Gil Buchanan, Stevie Cherepski, Martha Hiett, Carol A. Lee, Lynn Lincoln, Jamie Morrison, Richard Nugent, Ann Patterson, Martha Reeder, Rhonda Sanders, Dan Sullivan, Ratha Tracy, and Paula C. Watson.</p> <p><b>Regrets were received from:</b> Laura Butler.</p> <p><b>Meeting chaired by Patti Bokony. – Those in attendance made self-introductions.</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item #1: Update and Finalizing Recommendations for QRS</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Martha Reeder provided an update on the QRS sub-group. She announced that the QRS sub-group will be coming together for a retreat on October 27-28, to have an intensive period of time to work on the QRS proposal. She encouraged the work groups to review the materials on the QRS web site for additional information: <a href="http://www.accessarkansas.org/childcare/qrs.htm">www.accessarkansas.org/childcare/qrs.htm</a>.</p> <p>Martha announced that the QRS sub-group has proposed five tiers. The next process is to look at what is going to be in each tier for each measure. She indicated that the sub-group has looked at six states with similar structures as Arkansas. It was agreed that all qualifications must be satisfied in one tier before moving to another level. Martha shared a draft of what QRS group has completed.</p> <p>At the last meeting the sub-group began to place items under the Program Evaluation measure. It took two hours to work through tier one and two. Level one indicates that a program must have a regular li- cense and not a provisional license. It cannot be a brand new program and the program has to sign a let- ter of intent to enter into the self-improvement path. Then, the program would be sent a self-study packet.</p> <p>Level two is composed of three items under Program Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Baseline program review with outside completion of the review</li><li>? Minimum of the administrator/director participation in environmental rating scale training</li><li>? Written program improvement plan (items identified in the environmental rating scale should be in- cluded in the plan)</li></ul> <p>The second level is where the baseline indicators begin. The third level is there the big indicators kick in.</p> <p>The work group looked at the draft Medical Home and Social-Emotional Health combined work sheet pre- pared by Bruce Cohen. It was then decided that it would be more beneficial for the work groups to sepa- rate for a short time to review their group recommendations and then come back together to complete the agenda.</p>

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Agenda Item #1, Continued: Update and Finalizing Recommendations for QRS

**Discussion:** Patti Bokony agreed to prepare the draft of the Social-Emotional Health recommendations. Rhonda Sanders and Gil Buchanan agreed to prepare the draft of the Medical Home recommendations. Both are to send to Martha Reeder and Paula Watson by Monday, October 24. (**Note:** After the meeting ended, Bruce Cohen agreed to combine the two drafts together.)

Agenda Item #2: Screening Proposal/Plan - Patti Bokony and Bruce Cohen

**Discussion:** This plan relates to the Social-Emotional Health goal statement to assess children for problems or impairments. This plan involves the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC). It was suggested that this be piloted using the SFI Network, It was also suggested that the PSC be done four to six weeks into the child care program (to give children time to settle in and teachers to get to know the children) with the parents completing this one and the teachers (caregiver) completing a similarly designed form.

The question was asked, "What will be done with the form after completing?" The form would be given to the pediatrician if it is above the cut-off score. The pediatrician may then refer for professional help or further study if deemed necessary. The cut-off score is 22.

Dr. Buchanan stated that ideally, this should be done more than once as the child and situation changes. It needs to be repeated if needed.

Another question was asked: "Would this be an adequate stand alone Social-Emotional Health Screening/assessment?" The answer was, "no, this serves a particular purpose." There are different screening tools, and the results of the screening can get a dialogue going between the parent and caregiver concerning what the parent understands about social-emotional issues.

Martha reminded the group that if it is to be plugged into the Quality Rating System, it needs to be packaged to go into the (quality) system. You could prescribe the process using this particular scale for both the parent and the caregiver—this would be a way of addressing in the QRS. This could probably be inserted as a level four or five. In the QRS plan, some things will be mandated and others may be chosen using a menu. The process must be simple, prescribed as a neat package, cost free, with unanswered questions about the score, meeting with parents, and referrals addressed.

It was mentioned that one of the things talked about in the past relating to social-emotional issues was the EPSDT. Rhonda Sanders stated that Medicaid allows treatment without an EPSDT being done. It is desirable but not required. It does not have to be done to make a referral and there is not any enforcement of it.

It was agreed that the checklist be absorbed into the recommendations. It was also suggested that the group check out the following website: <http://healthychild.ucla.edu>. Look under comprehensive systems tools. They are all subject oriented. There is one for Medical Home and one for social-emotional.

Martha indicated that the next meeting date for the Early Care and Education group is November 29. The QRS sub-group meets in the a.m. and other recommendations can be submitted at that time.

<b>Agenda Item #3: Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>
Next meeting date: Tuesday, November15, 2005, at 2 p.m. at Freeway Medical Center.  There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
<b>RESULTING TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS:</b>  ? The work groups are encouraged to review both recommended web sites before the next meeting.